

NSC BRIEFING

13 June 1957

SWATOW INCIDENT

I. On 12 June, Chinese Communist anti-aircraft fired on US Navy aircraft near Swatow, damaged one.

A. Navy reports aircraft were roughly 8 miles off coast, weather hazy, says flight leader used "very poor judgment."

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II. Communist press has taken the same line as in past incidents of this kind.

A. Press has reported factually on alleged intrusion into Chicom territory.

B. Authoritative People's Daily editorial on 13 June declares that "provocations" have made Chinese people "highly indignant," warn that US must bear "full responsibility."

C. Peiping calls US action deliberate move to increase tension in effort to salvage policy of "aggression against China" shaken by Taiwan riots and relaxation of "embargo."

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